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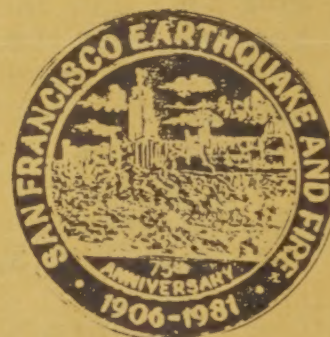
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THE MINT DIRECTOR'S PRONOUNCEMENTS: President's Message

Dear Coin Collector's:

My being associated with Northern California Numismatic Association has been another interesting component of my life and I feel I have 'done it all'. Everyone feels their life is worth writing a book about but sometimes it is interesting as to one's background especially throughout the twenty years with NCNA, it has allowed myself to attain many friends, associates and during this period have had questions asked, what are your interests, where did you originate from and so on. Well, because our Editor, Michael S. Turrini, so kindly asked me to relate a sketch of my life, I felt complimented and decided to do it.

I entered the world of modeling clothes when I was six years old. A very short time thereafter show business came into my life and continued for fourteen years: tap dancing, adagio, ballet, singing, (they called me the 'Baby Crooner', and for two performances, I can hold title to being Ted Lewis's shadow (for those who remember) on the Orpheum stage in Omaha, Nebraska). I became a professional in all my endeavors shortly after starting. Then dramatics became a big part of my life, acting in circle stock shows, radio, Shakespearean plays and traveling over the country, playing theatres, night clubs, schools, colleges, you name it. One period I was quite proud of, having my own singing radio program for three years on WOW Radio Station in Omaha, and oh, the hundreds of letters that would come in for requests for songs. That is when they called me the 'Baby Crooner', and at one period there were plans for my going to Hollywood. Then another aspect appeared, marriage and that is when I discontinued my theatrics and became a wife. During the marriage, I entered the business world and was a secretary off and on for some years. We lived in places such as Tulsa, Okla.; Seattle, Wash.; Denver, Colo.; Fargo, No. Dak.; and then wonderful California.

I enjoyed the experience of being a mother to a daughter and for another diversion went into the world of golf and tennis and up to the present day, still doing strong in both along with being active behind the scenes, holding various offices in the eleven golf clubs I belonged to. I entered the field of coins about 1960 (one year short of the birth of NCNA) and from that time on held various offices in many coin clubs. Co-Editor for the San Jose Coin Club's bulletin, namely 'Numismatips', and Secretary for the Club for six years. Secretary for West Coast Numismatic Association for nine years and Secretary for NCNA for around eight years. Plus part time working in loan lending business.

However, the one organization dear to my heart is NCNA and I am quite proud to say, I am the first and only person to this date that has served four years as President and truly have enjoyed every minute of it. Twenty years of Conventions and a job that I have held that I dearly enjoy and hope to continue is taking care of the 'Registration Desk'. I love people, love to laugh and tell jokes so that duty really fits into my category of personality.

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THE MINTMASTER'S QUILL: An Editor's Prerogative

My Friends:

As I write this Editorial, I am watching 'Dallas' which is one of my favorite television programs. My passion, which is shared by millions, is to see 'J.R.' finally and lastly get it where it would hurt, hopefully someday.

Now, you have some more insight to what is that NCNA Head and Tales Editor and to what drives him: he hates 'J.R.'.

On a much more serious thought, sometime ago at an open discussion at one of our Vallejo Numismatic Society's meetings, a coin dealer noted that the speculative and rising silver, gold, and coin prizes have stopped many coin collectors from ever finishing in a condition worth something most any coin collection, except for clad coins, Memorial Cents, and some foreign. He said the only silver-content coin collectable by most individuals as a complete collection in grade worth something may be the Roosevelt Dime. I agree with his observation.

Adding to this, another coin dealer remarked that the numismatic markets and coin dealings are manipulated by a few national, big money, coin corporations and auction firms. I agree with this observation.

It is my conviction that such conditions mentioned in the previous paragraphs are curtailing and destroying our hobby, as an hobby with universal appeal and chance for everyone of all ages and status.

Numismatics, I fear, could become a rich man's game, a hobby within the reach of only the wealthy and affluent.

Needless to say, these observations and my conviction reflect only my opinions and may or may not be shared by others. However, I ask has not our hobby changed, radically changed, in the past decade?

In reference to my question, here is another thought: does anyone take a Red Book to a coin club meeting nowadays? Red Books, it seemed at one time, were always at coin club meetings.

My thoughts, it cannot be denied, are negative. However, my intent is not to let the negative prevail in my life or in NCNA Heads and Tales. Rather, I hope to spark critical and objective thought upon both my part and NCNA Heads and Tales readers.

Moving from the world on numismatics to the world of our time, Poland, as I write, is on the minds on millions.

It seems, that whenever and wherever a people seek to be free and to live as they want, we Americans share a common destiny and dream with such a people.

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GOLD MINER DIGGINGS: NCNA News and Happenings

NCNA Annual Jack Tar Coin Show

Due to a conflict, the 1982 NCNA Convention has been rescheduled to September 23, 24, 25, and 26.

This nationally known four-day Coin Show will again be held at the Jack Tar Hotel, Geary and Van Ness, San Francisco.

NCNA Board of Directors Meetings

The dates for the next four NCNA Board of Directors Meetings are:

February 21, 1982
May 23, 1982
August 22, 1982
November 21, 1982

As stated before, these quarterly Sunday afternoon meetings are at the Jack Tar Hotel, and any NCNA Club Member is invited to send a voting club delegate. Meetings begin at 1:30 PM, and check at Registration Desk for room location.

NCNA Medal

There are still available both silver and bronze 1981 NCNA Medals, commemorating the Seventy-fifth Anniversary, 1906-1981, of the San Francisco Earthquake and Fire and honoring NCNA on its Twentieth Anniversary, 1961-1981.

The silver sells for \$20.00 each and the bronze for \$2.00 each. Postage and mailing is included in the price. There are also a very few 1976 silver, no bronze, medals remaining; these medals commemorated both San Francisco's and the United States' Bicentennials, 1776-1976.

While the remaining supply of both medals lasts, orders may be sent to: "Edward Sins, NCNA Treasurer, PO Box 5075, San Jose, CA 95150". Please include payment in full--no COD or credit--plus your full name and correct full address with Zip Code.

NCNA Membership

Again, I invite non-members, both individuals and clubs, to join NCNA. Dues are only \$2.00 per year for Individual Membership and \$3.00 per year for Club Membership. It is also the start of a new year, so 1982 dues will be payable soon. It might be advisable to send in your dues with your name, current address, and membership number to "Edward Sins, NCNA Treasurer, PO Box 5075, San Jose, CA 95150".

NCNA 1982 Officers

The results of the annual NCNA election are:

Stuart Denton--President
Denis Hooker--First Vice-President
Bill Morgan--Second Vice-President
Edward Sins--Treasurer
Elmer Benson--Secretary

Lillian Hooker, who has served two terms as President, will become Past President and will continue to serve on the Board of Directors.

These officers will be installed at the February 21, 1982 Board of Directors Meeting.

NCNA One-Thousand Member

Marina Barrett recently joined NCNA, and her membership number is: '#1000'. Mrs. Barrett lives in Martinez, and I hope she benefits from membership in NCNA. Best Wishes to you, Mrs. Barrett--Editor

NCNA Coin Show Schedule

The latest issue of the 'Coin Show Schedule', an NCNA service, is enclose with this Fourth Issue.

It is imperative that Coin Clubs wishing to be listed report with the details at least six months to a year in advance of the their Coin Show date. Please refer to the heading on the Schedule for instructions.

NCNA Coin Club List

O. L. Wallis, who is responsible for this NCNA service, informs NCNA Heads and Tales readers:

"Word has been received that the following clubs have changed their meeting locations from that shown in the the latest issue of the 'Coin Club List'. If you have changes, please notify "O. L. Wallis, 58 Tan Oak Circle, San Rafael, CA 94903", so that these changes may be reported in NCNA Heads and Tales and corrected in the next issue of the 'Coin Club List'.

"Pacific Coast Numismatic Society meetings moved to: 1145 Larkin, corner of Bush, San Francisco. The PCNS's new mailing address is: "610 Arlington, Berkeley, CA 94707".

"San Jose Coin Club meetings moved to: Santa Clara County Social Service Center, 55 West Younger, San Jose."

NCNA Heads and Tales Deadlines

The deadlines for this year's issues, all subject to change, are:

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
Fifth Issue, Volume II, Number 2, April, 1982	March 15, 1982
Sixth Issue, Volume II, Number 3, July, 1982	June 15, 1982
Seventh Issue, Volume II, Number 4, October, 1982	September 1, 1982
Eighth Issue, Volume III, Number 1, January, 1983	December 15, 1982

Please remember these dates and note that the Seventh Issue deadline is September 1st, not September 15th.

Also, please remember that NCNA Heads and Tales is a one-man operation, and your Editor, myself, does make mistakes, especially typing ones, and I do have limits as to time and skill, especially typing skill.

POSTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION: News and Happenings

Member Article

Enclosed with this Fourth Issue is an article written by Charles Sins, NCNA Treasurer Edward Sins' son, which reviews the day some seventy-five years ago that the earth shook and fires spread in San Francisco.

This short article was issued to accompany the 1981 NCNA medals, and I thank Charles and his father for their interest and effort.

Numismatic Literature

Cal Wilson, a numismatic literature dealer, recently announced that in his first mail bid sale a beautiful uniformly bound set of the American Numismatic Association's (ANA) The Numismatist, years 1894 to 1980, which lacked only one volume from 1902, was sold for \$3,500.00. Mr. Wilson believes this is the highest price yet sold and publicized for such a collection.

Mr. Wilson also reported that a complete set of the California State Numismatic Association's (CSNA) Calcoin News went for \$330.00.

Those interested in numismatic literature, books, auction catalogues, and periodicals are welcomed to contact "Cal Wilson, 37445 Southwood Drive, Fremont, CA 94336".

BRANCH MINT REPORTS: Club Happenings

Have been receiving bulletins, newsletters, or news releases from these Coin Clubs:

Cupertino Coin Club
California State Numismatic Association
Napa Valley Coin Club
Peninsula Coin Club
Redwood Empire Coin Club
Delta Coin Club
Diablo Numismatic Society
San Jose Coin Club
Gateway Coin Club
Liberty Numismatic Society
Fremont Coin Club
Fairfield Coin Club
San Francisco Coin Club
Vallejo Numismatic Society
Pacific Coast Numismatic Society
Eureka Coin Club

Cupertino Coin Club Sent the December issue of its newsletter, Coin Press, which reported that the December 4th meeting was the annual Christmas Party meeting. The 1982 CCC medals were shown at the November 4th meeting. The observe is like the colonial Bar Cent of circa 1785, and AL LO won a silver CCC medal for his design of this medal. PHIL SOLOMON wond a 1968 Mint Set for his Show and Tell Talk on a coin show in Lisbon, Portugal. The 12th Annual CCC Coin Show will be this February 28, 1982 at the Campus Center, De Anza College, Stevens Creek Blvd. and Stelling Road, Cupertino. FRANK NIELSEN is in charge of the Bourse, and RAY ERKSON handles the Exhibits. They can be contacted at "Cupertino Coin Club, PO Box 1189, Cupertino, CA 95014". Best Wishes to the CCC on its 1982 Coin Show.

California State Numismatic Association Reports that its 70th Semi-Annual Convention will be this April 16-18, 1982 at the Jack Tar Hotel, Van Ness and Geary, San Francisco. "WILLIAM O. WISSLEAD, 2053 Cypress, Santa Ana, CA 92707" is Bourse Coordinator, and "RUTH PHILLIPS, 227 North Duke, Fresno, CA 93727" is Exhibit Coordinator. Mark your calendar for this great Convention.

Napa Valley Coin Club Informs that its 18th Annual Coin Show will be on March 21, 1982 at the Town & Country Fairgrounds, 575 Third St., Napa. Interested Bourse Dealers and Exhibitors may write to JOSEPHINE WELLS for applications at "313 Tammy Way, Napa, CA 94558". Best of Luck to my neighbor Coin Club.

Peninsula Coin Club Continues its Questions and Quizzes in its monthly newsletter. The answer to the question given in the Third Issue

is: "J. Snowden was the 9th Director of the U.S. Mint (1853-61)". In addition to exhibits with a Christmas theme, there was at the December 21st meeting at talk on grading of Mercury Dimes.

Redwood Empire Coin Club At its October meeting, Club Historian LOUIS CHARLIER bought and exhibited three binders of RECC history and memorabilia. The RECC is thirty-two years old. BILL FIEST has served as Secretary for ten years and is Editor of its lively newsletter. WALTER GERTH and OZZIE STOUT continue to be regular meeting exhibitors with interesting numismatic items.

Delta Coin Club Received a medal for its twenty-five years of membership in CSNA. Congratulations. Had an attendance of six hundred plus at its two-day Coin Show last October, and reported that free copies of a numismatic periodical shipped by a national overnight express service from Hollywood took six days to reach Stockton and arrived late for their Coin Show! The Coin Show Senior Exhibit winners were: KATHY BELDT, CHARLES LACKYARD, and JUNE WILSON, and Junior Exhibit winners were: MIKE McDANIEL, ERNIE HAMLET, and KURT RIVERA. Best of Show was won by KATHY BELDT.

Diablo Numismatic Society Reports that its December 6th Coin Show was a success at its new location, the Pleasant Hill Community Center, and the Best of Show winner was SAM RUMPH who writes 'Numi-Stats' for their newsletter: "The value of Indian wampum was based not on the value of the shells, but on the amount of labor required to produce it". DENNIS DANIEL, Secretary and Editor, continues his outstanding literary work on their newsletter, The Diablo Die-Break. December 17th meeting was their annual Christmas Bingo Party.

San Jose Coin Club Reports its 14th Annual Coin Show will be January 15-17, 1982 in the San Jose Convention Center, Market and Park, San Jose. The feature at this Coin Show will be ANACS Team which grade and authenticate coins for those attending the Coin Show. Although the Bourse is sold out, exhibits are welcomed; write to "EDWARD SINS, PO Box 5075, San Jose, CA 95150". RON MILLER spoke at the November 18th meeting about bullion versus collector coins. The SJCC newsletter quotes him with a very provocative remark: "The quality coin always retains its quality, long after the sting of the price faded away". Nice and true thought.

Gateway Coin Club Had an one hundred twenty-seven--127--lot auction at its October 1st meeting! Auctions are a big part of the GCC's meetings. In fact, their Editor, JERE E. LEFEVER, reported in their Newsletter that "there was so much activity on the high priced items that only one bidder noticed the silver half dollar for less than silver price. He bid once and took it home". Now, that's a nice bargain.

Liberty Numismatic Society Had DAVE CIENIEWICZ speaking on Egyptian Coins at its October 6th meeting, and at the same meeting, the LNS celebrated its Twenty-fifth Anniversary with a cake donated by STU DENTON. The November 3rd meeting was the annual Coin Auction with

STU DENTON as Auctioneer. Best Wisher to the LNS.

Fremont Coin Club Had its October 13th meeting as an "Junior Member Night" with the FCC's junior members performing all the duties and jobs of running the meeting plus a competitive "Junior Special Exhibit". In this contest, the winners were: AARON HAVERCROFT, SEAN HAVERCROFT, and MIKE ALBORZ. Their November newsletter summarized some of the FCC's 1981 achievements: "striking of a 10th Anniversary Medal, the honoring of senior members over 70 years of age, the picnic, the golf tournament and the coin show". This club's 1982 officers were elected at the November 14th meeting: CAL WILSON, President; DON McALISTER, First Vice-President; MIKE SUTTON, Second Vice-President; BOB SINGLETERRY, Treasurer; MARY MITCHELL, Recording Secretary; GLENNA HAVERCROFT, Corresponding Secretary, and MIKE MITCHELL, Junior Vice-President. Good Luck to the FCC in 1982.

Fairfield Coin Club Has an annual Special Raffle with the proceeds going to the Grace Episcopal Church where the FCC meets free. The big winner in this Raffle with a 1980 Proof Set was NCNA Heads and Tales Editor, whose name I have forgotten. JAN HENKE has been doing triple-duty as both Secretary and Editor and plus Treasurer. NORM NUNES has been showing ANA slides at the meetings. Keep-up the Good Work FCC in 1982.

San Francisco Coin Club Celebrated its 21st Annual Banquet last October 17th at the Irish Cultural Center. The October 27th meeting program was 'Missions of California'. O. L. WALLIS, retiring SFCC President, reflected in the September newsletter on his brief gold panning experience which resulted in a sore back and only 'fool's gold'. The 19th Annual SFCC Coin Fair will be on March 28, 1982 at the Jack Tar Hotel, Geary and Van Ness, San Francisco. LARRY REPPETEAU is handling the Bourse; he can be contacted at "PO Box 14181, San Francisco, CA 94114", and FRED LUTJENS is in charge of Exhibits: "427 Capp, San Francisco, CA 94110". Good Luck to the SFCC's 1982 Coin Fair.

Vallejo Numismatic Society Announces that its 10th Annual Vallejo Coin Show has been rescheduled to April 25, 1982. The time and location remain the same: hours, 10 to 5 at Dan Foley Cultural Center, Dan Foley Park, Vallejo. Exhibitors and Bourse Dealers are invited. MICHAEL S. TURRINI is Bourse Coordinator, and O. L. WALLIS is Exhibit Coordinator. Write to: "Vallejo Numismatic Society, PO Box 4281, Vallejo, CA 94590". December 11th was the date of the VNS' major annual social event, its Christmas Dinner and Party, which had so much food there was substantial leftovers for everyone and which also had so many Bingo and Door Prizes that everyone present won something, no losers at this Dinner and Party. At the November 4th meeting, the ANA slides, 'Ships and Boats on Coins' were shown, and JESSE KING and OZZIE STOUT reviewed their recent separate trips to mainland China. Best Wishes to my home club.

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society Continues to hear great speakers:

Dr. PAUL HOLTZMAN on 'American Royalty' at October 28th meeting, and DAVE CIENIEWICZ on 'Egypt and the Middle East' at the November 18th meeting. MAXINE BRYCE, PCNS' honored Secretary and Editor, had an operation, but she should be up soon and active. One of the most provocative recent meeting exhibits was one by DON T. THRALL, PCNS' Treasurer, at the September 30th meeting: "a collection of about ten "BU" (translate--"beat-up") U.S. coins which would be worth quite a bit if they hadn't been damaged by drilled holes, chiseled edges, silver plating, counterstamps, and nails driven through them". To this most honored coin club, Best Wishes in 1982.

Eureka Coin Club Writes that its 16th Annual Coin Show will be April 3 & 4, 1982 at the Redwood Acres Fairgrounds, Eureka. HARRY DIXON will handle Bourse, and he can be contacted at "PO Box 505, Eureka, CA 95501", and Exhibitors should write to "CLEMENS McCLASKEY, PO Box 814, Fortuna, CA 95540". Good Luck to ECC and its Coin Show.

Though this club did not send a newsletter or news release, I do wish to report on it:

North Bay Coin Club Had its annual Christmas Dinner last December 6th at the Officer's Mess and Club on Alameda Naval Air Station. I attended this Dinner and really enjoyed myself: great food and time. Good Luck to the NBCC.

Again, I thank these Coin Clubs for sending their bulletins, newsletters, or news releases. It is always good to hear what is happening in the Clubs throughout northern California.

Also, I still hope to visit each Club meeting and share the fellowship of our mutual hobby. Any Club interested in a meeting program, feel free to contact me.

From Page 2:

The one factor that has impressed me and has meant so much is that the NCNA Convention has topped itself each year as being successful. As you know, it takes a body of people to make it a success and I will always treasure the friends that have encompassed me during the last twenty years to make it possible to enjoy and have a good time.

Thank you for allowing me to reminiscent periods of my life and for the future, we're continuing to hope for many exciting happenings for NCNA and pray our many friends will be with us to share our dreams.

I might add, my daughter calls me 'The Total Woman'.

Lillian M. Hooker
Past President 1980-1981

From Page 3:

Part of us, I am confident, is with the flame of liberty that valiantly burns in Poland.

Cynical people will disregard such thoughts as wasting time or just emotional writing or not in the scope of NCNA Heads and Tales, but as I wrote in my first Editorial this journal attempts "to make not just numismatics better but also our world and lifes".

In very realistic terms, if we--may it NEVER happen--lost our liberty here in the United States, coin collecting might be restricted or denied. Remember, a freedom is not only speech, assembly, and religion, but also individual pursuits, as our hobby.

Best Wishes and Thanks.

Numismatically Yours

Michael S. Turrini
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Editor

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GOLD MINER LEDGERS: NCNA History

I hope to review at times in NCNA Heads and Tales items and events from NCNA's past. To start this 'Gold Miner Ledgers', here is a listing of NCNA's presidents:

Denis M. Hooker, 1961-1963
John Sears, 1964
Milton Strauch, 1965
Everett K. Higgins, 1966
Rudy Gjurovich, 1967-1968
Aldo Basso, 1969
Edward Sins, 1970
Lillian Hooker, 1972-1972
Roy Hill, 1973-1974
Constance B. Perham, 1974-1976
Wendell Hooker, 1977-1978
O. L. Wallis, 1979
Lillian Hooker, 1980-1981

Roy Hill died in office in April, 1974. Constance Perham, the Vice-President, became President and completed Roy Hill's term, and she was elected to two terms of her own.

I wish to thank Edward Sins, NCNA's Treasurer, for providing this information, and I hope he and others can provide items and events from our past.

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